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Executive Order 08-03

State of Montana Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE MONTANA-ALBERTA BILATERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and the Province of Alberta share a legacy of cultural traditions, economic conditions, and common goals; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and the Province of Alberta share approximately 200 miles of international border and six international ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and the Province of Alberta recognize the need to promote the pursuit of common goals and further strengthen relations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and the Province of Alberta recognize the need for establishing close communications for the exchange of ideas and information to foster mutual understanding and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Alberta has appointed a Montana-Alberta Boundary Advisory Council for the purpose of improving communications and relations with the State of Montana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDY MARTZ, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me in accordance with Section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby continue the Montana-Alberta Bilateral Advisory Council ("the Council").

I. PURPOSE

The Council shall:

- A. meet on an annual basis with the Alberta delegation appointed to Alberta's Montana-Alberta Bilateral Advisory Council;
- B. work to strengthen all areas of cooperation between the governments of Montana and Alberta;
- C. promote the active development of economic, cultural, educational, government, and citizen exchanges; and
- D. encourage understanding and cooperation between the governments and citizens of Montana and Alberta.

II. COMPOSITION

The Governor shall appoint no more than 11 members to the Council, and members shall serve at the

pleasure of the Governor. The names and addresses of the members shall be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State.

The Council shall be composed of the following representatives:

- Lieutenant Governor, who shall also serve as the council chairperson;
- two members of the Montana House of Representatives;
- two members of the Montana Senate;
- one representative of the Office of the Governor;
- Director of the Department of Agriculture;
- Director of the Department of Commerce;
- Director of the Department of Transportation;
- two members representing private sector interests, including but not limited to the areas of agriculture, transportation, and tourism.

III. COMPENSATION

Members will be compensated as provided in Section 2-15-122 (5), MCA. Each authority, business, organization, or agency, is responsible for the expenses incurred by its representative on the Council.

IV. DURATION

This Advisory Council shall exist for two years from the effective date of this order unless extended or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana,
this ____ day of _____, 2003.

JUDY MARTZ, Governor

ATTEST:

BOB BROWN, Secretary of State



